

2006 Primary Election

The major parties will nominate candidates for the following offices:

- U.S. Senate (1 seat)
- U.S. House of Representatives (all 9 seats)
- Indiana State Senate (Districts 1, 4, 6, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 29, 31, 38, 39, 41, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49)
- Indiana House of Representatives (all 100 seats)
- Judges of the circuit, superior, and probate courts in several counties
- Prosecuting Attorneys and County Sheriffs in all counties
- Clerks of the Circuit Court, County Auditor, County Recorder, County Treasurer, County Coroner, County Surveyor, County Assessor, County Commissioner, and County Council Member in several counties
- Town Council members, town clerk-treasurers, and town judges in towns which have chosen to stagger terms for town council members, or to elect all town officials during 2006
- Township trustees and board members in several counties. Political party precinct committeemen and state convention delegates (elected at the primary election)

Several jurisdictions will also elect non-partisan school board members at the primary election.

Some local public questions may be placed on the ballot at the primary election in certain counties.

Voter Registration

The deadline to register to vote in the Primary Election is **April 3, 2006**. The deadline to register to vote in the General Election is **October 10, 2006**. Mail-in voter registration applications must be postmarked on or before **April 3** to be eligible to vote in the Primary Election. Mail-in applications must be postmarked on or before **October 10** to be eligible to vote in the General Election.

Certain military voters and their family members may qualify to register until noon Primary Election Day or General Election Day.

If you are unsure of whether or not you are registered or whether your registration application was received or approved by your county, contact your county's voter registration office.

For more voter registration information see the Indiana Election Division's brochure *Questions and Answers About Voter Registration in Indiana*.

2006 General Election

Candidates are elected to the following offices at the General Election:

- U.S. Senate (1 seat)
- Secretary of State, Auditor of State, and Treasurer of State
- U.S. House of Representatives (all 9 seats)
- Indiana State Senate (25 of the 50 seats)
- Indiana House of Representatives (all 100 seats)
- Judges of the circuit, superior and probate courts in several counties
- Prosecuting Attorneys and County Sheriffs in all counties
- Clerks of the Circuit Court, County Auditor, County Recorder, County Treasurer, County Coroner, County Surveyor, County Assessor, County Commissioner, and County Council Member in several counties
- Town Council members, town clerk-treasurers, and town judges in towns which have chosen to stagger terms for town council members, or to elect all town officials during 2006
- Township trustees and board members in several counties
- Voters will vote on the ratification of proposed state constitutional amendments, the retention of state appellate judges or local judges, and on any local public question placed on the ballot in accordance with state law.

Several jurisdictions will also elect non-partisan school board members at the general election.

Voter Eligibility

You are qualified to vote in the 2006 Primary and General Elections if you:

- Are a citizen of the United States.
- Are at least 18 years old on or before November 7, 2006. *(If you are not 18 years old by May 2, 2006 but turn 18 before November 7, 2006, you may vote in the Primary Election to nominate General Election candidates. Note: you may not vote for candidates elected or issues decided at the Primary Election.)*
- Reside in your precinct at least 29 days before the election in which you will be voting.
- Are not currently in prison after being convicted of a crime.
- Apply to register to vote at least 29 days before the election in which you will be voting, and your application is approved.

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**Primary Election Day
May 2, 2006**

**General Election Day
November 7, 2006**

Polls are open from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm,
prevailing local time.

Voting Procedures

Where to vote:

If you are unsure about where your **polling place** is located, call your county election board (usually at your county circuit court clerk's office). If you move after the voter registration deadline, call your county election board to find out where you should vote.

How to vote at the polls:

Your county election board determines which type of state approved voting system will be used in your county. You may be voting by using a traditional paper ballot, an optically scanned ballot card voting system, or a computerized voting system. Instructions on how to cast your ballot will be provided at your polling place, and explained to you by your polling place's poll workers.

Voting assistance:

If you need assistance in voting, you may choose someone to help you (other than your employer or union officer) or, if you do not choose someone to assist you, two poll workers (one of each major political party) will be available to assist you. No one who assists you may disclose any information about how you voted.

Polling Place Accessibility

Resources available for disabled voters:

State law requires that polling locations be accessible to disabled and elderly voters, and provide the same access for access and participation as for other voters. Polling places must meet accessibility standards for parking spaces; paths and entrances leading to the polling place; paths of travel within the building where the polling place is located; and the rooms or areas within the facility where the polling place is located.

If you believe that the polling place for your precinct does not comply with accessibility requirements, contact your county election board as soon as possible to inform them about this problem. It may be possible for the board to make temporary or permanent changes to the polling place to make it more accessible for all voters.

Election Law Violations

It is a violation of Indiana law for an individual to pay a voter to register to vote, to apply for an absentee ballot, or to vote; to tamper with an absentee or other voted ballot; or to disclose how another person cast their ballot. If you believe an election law has been violated, contact your county election board or county prosecuting attorney.

Absentee Voting

Absentee voting requirements:

You may vote by absentee ballot if you are a registered voter of the precinct where you reside, and you wish to vote in person at the circuit court clerk's office.

If you wish to have your absentee ballot sent to you by mail or delivered to you by a traveling board, you must also meet the following requirements: You

- Have a specific, reasonable expectation that you will be absent from your county of residence on Election Day during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open (6:00 am to 6:00 pm).
- Will be an election official.
- Will be confined on Election Day due to illness or injury during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
- Are a voter with disabilities
- Are 65 years of age or older
- Are a caretaker of an individual(s) confined to a private residence due to illness or injury and prevented from voting during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
- Are scheduled to work for the entire 12 hours that the poll is open
- Are prevented from voting due to observing a religious discipline or holiday during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open
- Participate in the address confidentiality program.

Absentee Voting Procedures

How to vote an absentee ballot in your county clerk's office:

If you are eligible to vote absentee, you may vote in your county clerk's office before Election Day. First, you must complete an absentee ballot application. Second, you must vote at your county clerk's office by noon the day before election day. Absentee voting in the clerk's office begins 29 days before the election, and will be available at least two Saturdays before Election Day.

How to vote absentee by mail:

If you are eligible to vote absentee, and meet the requirements listed above, you may vote by mail. First, you must complete an absentee ballot application and return it to your county election board (at the clerk's office). Applications from most voters must be received, whether submitted by mail or FAX, at least 8 days before Election Day. (If you are a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined individual, a military voter, or an overseas voter, there are other deadlines and requirements that apply. Please contact your county election board or county clerk for more information.)

When the county election board receives your application for a mail-in absentee ballot, they will process it and, if the application is approved, mail you an absentee ballot for the upcoming election. Your completed ballot may be returned by mail or by a bonded courier company to the county election board. Your ballot may also be hand delivered by yourself, a member of your household, or your attorney in fact.

It is a criminal violation of the election laws for any other person to deliver your voted absentee ballot. Ballots must be received by the county election board, at the clerk's office, in time to be processed for the election.

Provisional Ballot

What is a "provisional ballot"?

If you believe you are registered to vote in a precinct, but your name does not appear on the poll list, or if you have been challenged as not qualified to vote in your precinct, you will cast a "provisional ballot." A provisional ballot permits you to vote on election day. However, your provisional ballot will be kept separate from the other ballots cast in that precinct. After election day, the county election board will decide if you were qualified to vote in that precinct, and if your ballot should be counted. You will be able to contact your county election board to find out if your ballot was counted, and if not, why not.

Photo ID Required

If you are voting in person at the polls, or voting an absentee ballot in your county clerk's office, you will be asked to present proof of identification before voting. This ID must: (1) show your photograph; (2) include your name, which must conform your name on your voter registration record; (3) have an expiration date after November 2, 2004; and (4) be issued by the U.S. government or the State of Indiana. If you do not have photo ID when you appear to vote, you will cast a "provisional ballot", which permits you to vote on election day. You must present photo ID to your county election board no later than noon 13 days after election day for your provisional ballot to be counted. You may obtain a free photo ID from the BMV if you do not have an Indiana driver's license, and can claim an exemption from this requirement if you are indigent, or have a religious objection to being photographed.